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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
SEINOSUKE MIZUNO ET AL : EXAMINER: NGUYEN, K. T.
SERIAL NO: 09/680,401 :
FILED: OCTOBER 5, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1774
FOR: SHRINKAGE CONTROL MATERIAL:
AND ELASTOMERIC MOLDING

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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 19, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

remaining:
1, 4-6, 18-19

Please amend Claims 1, 6 and 18 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A shrinkage control material comprising:
a resilient metal wire; and
a heat treated adhesive layer on the metal wire, the adhesive layer having adhesion to elastomeric material, wherein the adhesive layer comprises a chlorinated rubber and a chlorosulfonated polyethylene rubber, and the adhesive layer is from 5 μ m to 25 μ m thick.

6. (Twice Amended) A elastomeric molding comprising:

a shrinkage control material having:
a resilient metal wire; and

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